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An examination of the DE SHPO files revealed that 22 properties have been listed in the National Register within the U.S. 301 APE (Table 1). In the 1970s, persons affiliated with the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs prepared National Register nominations for eight properties within the study area. Two more properties were individually listed in the 1980s. In 1985, CHAE/CHAD at the University of Delaware prepared the *Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred* multiple property nomination which included 12 extant resources within the U.S. 301 APE (Herman et al. 1985) (Table 1). CHAE/CHAD also prepared the nomination *Dwellings of the Rural Elite in Central Delaware* in 1992 (Herman et al. 1992). Two previously listed properties in the APE, CRS No. N00188 and CRS No. N03930, were related to this multiple property nomination.

CHAE/CHAD has also completed HABS level documentation of ten properties with the U.S. 301 APE, including CRS No. N00105, CRS No. N00117, CRS No. N00118, CRS No. N00188, CRS No. N00413, CRS No. N03135, CRS No. N03930, CRS No. N05123, CRS No. N05184, and CRS No. N05201. The CHAE/CHAD documented the following resources as part of the Threatened and Endangered Buildings Survey: CRS No. N05149, CRS No. N05195, CRS No. N05247, and CRS No. N05248.

Additionally, several properties in the APE were documented as part of reports prepared for planned development, including the Crosslands Development, which provided for the documentation of CRS No. N05197 (Young and Siders 2005). The New Castle County Planning Department requested that CRS Nos. N05185 and N05196 be documented and evaluated as part of the Bayberry North proposed subdivision (Heite 2004). CRS No. N05186 was examined by the New Castle County Planning Department as part of the proposed Bayberry Town Center. CHAD's 2002 report, *Neighborhood Property History: Jamison's Corner and Shallcross Lake Vicinity*, documented some history on CRS Nos. N05247, N05195, and N05248 (Bernhardt et al. 2002).

In the 1980s, a group of farms located within "The Levels," an expanse of flat land around Levels Road toward the southern end of the project area, was considered for nomination as a potential rural historic district made of farms with a related agricultural heritage. However, meetings with property owners indicated a strong objection to this designation, and the nomination process was subsequently discontinued. The draft documentation prepared for the area around Levels Road, which includes discussions of individual farm complexes in the APE, was collected (Brooks, Jicha, and Herman 1985).

The DE SHPO and DelDOT file examinations also revealed that previous cultural resources studies have addressed historic resources within the U.S. 301 APE. Between 1985 and 1986, the firm of Killinger Kise Franks Straw (KKFS) evaluated resources within the eastern portion of the U.S. 301 corridor as part of their work for the U.S. 13 Relief Route corridor (present-day SR 1) that extended from SR 7 in New Castle County to U.S. 113 in Kent County. Three reports were prepared as part of this survey (KKFS 1985, Benenson and Bower 1987, FHWA et al. 1987). As a result of their work, KKFS prepared documentation for one property (CRS No. N05244) within the U.S. 301 APE. Three additional resources

documented by KKFS were determined eligible in the late 1980s as part of proposed improvements to CR 15/SR 896: CRS Nos. N05182, N05186, and N05248.

In 1992, CHAE/CHAD completed a preliminary survey for a proposed U.S. 301 corridor extending from the Maryland state line to I-95. CHAE/CHAD presented eligibility recommendations for 33 properties situated south of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal (Siders et al. 1993). CHAE/CHAD's findings were submitted as part of the U.S. 301 Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the U.S. 301 MIS (VHB 1993, 2000). No formal determinations of eligibility were made as a result of this study.

One resource in the APE, the Gov. Benjamin T. Biggs Farm (CRS No. N06190), was determined not eligible in 1995 as a result of planned right-of-way acquisition for U.S. 301.

Lichtenstein Consulting Engineers, Inc.'s inventory of Delaware bridges evaluated four bridges within the U.S. 301 APE. Only one bridge (CRS No. N12636) was determined eligible for National Register listing. The three remaining bridges (CRS No. N12637, CRS No. N12638.1, and CRS No. N12638.2) were determined not eligible (Table 1) (Lichtenstein Consulting Engineers, Inc. 2000). CRS No. N12637 was subsequently replaced. Three resources in the APE were previously determined not eligible for listing in the National Register as a result of a study along Choptank Road: CRS Nos. N14080, N14081, and N14082.

Table 1. Previously Evaluated Resources in the U.S. 301 APE.

CRS Number	Historic Name	NR Status	Associated Study/Context	Retains Integrity?
CRS No. N00105	Fields Heirs	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred; HABS	N (demolished)
CRS No. N00106	Maples	Listed	Individual NR nomination	Y
CRS No. N00107	S. Holton Farm	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	Y
CRS No. N00109	Choptank	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	Y
CRS No. N00113	Rumsey Farm Complex	Listed	Individual NR nomination	Y
CRS No. N00117	Cochran Grange	Listed	Individual NR nomination; HABS	Y
CRS No. N00118	Hedgelawn	Listed	Individual NR nomination; HABS	Y
CRS No. N00121	Weston	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	Y
CRS No. N00188	Greenlawn	Listed	Dwellings of the Rural Elite; HABS	N (demolished)
CRS No. N00413	A. Eliason House	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred; HABS	Y
CRS No. N00425	Middletown Historic District	Listed	Individual NR nomination	Y
CRS No. N03930	Achmester (Farm Complex)	Listed	Dwellings of the Rural Elite; HABS	Y

CRS Number	Historic Name	NR Status	Associated Study/Context	Retains Integrity?
CRS No. N03935	Biddle House	Listed	Individual NR nomination	Y
CRS No. N03947	Idalia Manor	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	Y
CRS No. N05123	Governor Benjamin T. Biggs Farm	Listed	HABS	Y
CRS No. N05146	Armstrong-Walker	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	Y
CRS No. N05148	Rosedale	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred/KSK Choptank Road Survey	Y
CRS No. N05181	Elm Grange/J.M. Vandergift	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	Y
CRS No. N05182	Thornton's Store	Eligible	CR 15/SR 896	N (demolished)
CRS No. N05186	Cleaver Farm/Biddle Mansion Farm	Eligible	CR 15/SR 896	Y
CRS No. N05196	Old Ford Dairy	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	N (deteriorated)
CRS No. N05197	McWhorter Farm	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	N (house gone)
CRS No. N05201	Retirement Farm	Listed	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred; HABS	Y
CRS No. N05208	The Plains	Not eligible	U.S. Route 13 Relief Route DOE by KKFS	Y
CRS No. N05216	George Brady's Farm Managers Dwelling	Eligible	Rebuilding St. Georges Hundred	N (relocated)
CRS No. N05225	B.F. Hanson House	Listed	Individual NR Nomination	Y
CRS No. N05226	Frederick Brady Farmhouse	Not eligible	Skelly & Loy U.S. 301 Weigh Station and Inspection Facility	Y
CRS No. N05244	Fairview/A.H. Diehl	Eligible	U.S. Route 13 Relief Route Final EIS	Y
CRS No. N05246	Mondamon Tenant Farm	Not eligible	U.S. Route 13 Relief Route DOE by KKFS	N
CRS No. N05248	S.F. Shallcross Farm	Eligible	CR 15/SR 896	Y
CRS No. N06190	Gov. Benjamin T. Biggs Farm	Not Eligible	U.S. 301 Property Acquisition	Y
CRS No. N12636	Bridge 383	Eligible	Delaware's Historic Bridges	Y
CRS No. N12637	Bridge 382	Not eligible	Delaware's Historic Bridges	N (demolished)
CRS No. N12638.1	Bridge 399N	Not eligible	Delaware's Historic Bridges	Y
CRS No. N12638.2	Bridge 399S	Not eligible	Delaware's Historic Bridges	Y

CRS Number	Historic Name	NR Status	Associated Study/Context	Retains Integrity?
CRS No. N12769	Bennett Thomas Mill Site	Eligible	U.S. Route 13 Relief Route	Y
CRS No. N14080	Sharp Farm	Not Eligible	MTA Management Summary/Choptank Road	Y
CRS No. N14081	1706 Choptank Road	Not Eligible	MTA Management Summary/Choptank Road	Y
CRS No. N14082	1692 Choptank Road	Not Eligible	MTA Management Summary/Choptank Road	Y
CRS No. N14375	Brady Tenant House/Yaiser Property	Not Eligible	Woodstock Cell Tower Report	Y

Source: DE SHPO files and DelDOT and DE SHPO staff coordination

A Phase I Cultural Resources Survey was prepared for Bridge 377 on Rt. 435 (Choptank Road) over Back Creek in 2001 (Emory and Archibald 2001). This report, located at the western end of the APE, did not evaluate or reevaluate any aboveground resources.

The Choptank Road Management Summary prepared by McCormick, Taylor and Associates in 2001 provided revised National Register boundaries for two properties that were previously listed: CRS No. N00427 and CRS No. N05148 (Silber and Seavey 2001). This study also recommended five properties not eligible for National Register listing, three of which are included in the U.S. 301 APE (CRS Nos. N14080, N14081, and N14082).

A study prepared by Skelly and Loy in March 2005 associated with the U.S. 301 Weigh Station and Inspection Facility resulted in a not eligible determination for CRS No. N05226 (Gundy et al. 2005). The Woodstock Cell Tower Report, prepared for Nextel Communications, surveyed 12 resources within the U.S. 301 APE, including two previously listed properties, CRS Nos. N00121 and N03930 (Rotenstein 2004). One resource (CRS No. N14375) was determined not eligible for listing in the National Register.

Other studies with the potential to yield information on resources within the U.S. 301 APE include Land Use Planning Act (LUPA) and Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) documentation prepared for the Office of State Planning Coordination, which has been examined using online resources. Any additional relevant documentation prepared for proposed developments in the APE will also be collected at the New Castle County Planning Office and included in future reports.

The limits of previous studies are depicted in Figure 4.